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Hetu reported Mike Wallace, CBS called yesterday seeking assistance in preparing a "60 Minutes" presentation on Soviet chemical warfare and use of Soviet chemical weapons in several countries, e.g., Afghanistan, Laos, and Kampuchea. Hetu said he would refer Wallace to State. Relatedly, Clarke reported Mike Palmer, State Department, has recently returned from an extensive overseas trip dealing with the matter of Soviet chemical warfare. He said Palmer has asked via Clarke that CIA produce an unclassified nonattributable paper on this topic for broad distribution. Clarke said he advised Palmer that such a paper should be the product of State, not CIA, but offered that CIA would be pleased to vent the State product. A brief discussion followed wherein Mr. Carlucci opined that a paper produced by CIA might give us better control in this area. He said we should also consider a joint CIA/State paper. Silver noted the potential for "illegalities" in this undertaking, e.g., CIA support of journalists and technicalities re Presidential Findings. Mr. Carlucci asked Silver to review the situation with Hetu and Clarke and to advise. ☐ (Action: OGC)

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